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shipment of woolen rags has entirely ceased. Owing to the well-known difficulty of disinfecting woolen rags this is not to be regretted at the present time.

The freight situation remains unchanged. No Australian or South American freight has been offered for shipment, that trade being confined entirely to London and ports in the south.

Respectfully,

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*Report from Southampton.*

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, *March 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels were inspected and passed at this port during the week ended March 24, 1900:

Wednesday, March 21, steamship *Saale*, of the North German Lloyd Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 7 steerage and 23 first-cabin passengers and 1 large piece and 7 small pieces of luggage.

Saturday, March 24, steamship *Saint Paul*, of the American Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 702 steerage and 101 second-cabin passengers and 411 large and 661 small pieces of luggage. The shipping companies, at my suggestion, have instructed their agents that all bedding will be disinfected and as a result I had to disinfect only 6 small pieces for this ship.

I have had some difficulty in getting my count of the emigrants to tally with that of the company, and, in order to be sure that I saw all that went aboard, I have numbered each emigrant's card as I stamped it, from 1 to 750 on last Saturday, and then when the clerk has finished filling them out, on Saturday morning, I have him bring to me at once all the surplus cards that are left over. As each emigrant passes me I see his card and ascertain where he is from, then the cards remaining, after each emigrant has been supplied, taken from the total number which I have prepared must be the number of emigrants that I have seen. I still have my man count as before, but formerly when our counts failed to agree, the company said these men made the mistakes, and their count must be correct. I have been trying the numbered cards now for four weeks. They have come to my figures every time, and I find that my man is quite accurate.

Respectfully,

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FRANCE.

*Report from Havre.*

HAVRE, FRANCE, *March 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that on March 24 the steamship *La Bretagne* sailed from this port for New York with 900 steerage passengers, including those left over from last week. These were again inspected before embarking, and 1 case of erysipelas was detained and sent to the hospital. As all told over 1,000 presented themselves, the surplus is